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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 8, 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a non-final Office Action dated July 8, 2005. A response was due by October 8, 2005. However, since October 8, 2005 is a Saturday, and the U.S.P.T.O. was closed following Monday October 10, 2005 in observance of Columbus Day, a response filed on October 11, 2005, is considered timely, under 37 C.F.R. 1.7. Therefore this response is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

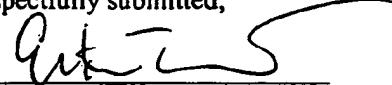
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. JJJ-P01-570 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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